



BRHS News May 2019

Researching and preserving our history

TWO EVENTS THIS MAY!

Plus membership renewal. Your membership allows us to continue protecting and promoting your cultural heritage. Thank you.

Tuesday, May 21, 4:30 pm



(photo courtesy Peter Southwick)

Life at the East Boothbay Store: Then and Now
With Liz Evans, owner, East Boothbay General Store

AND

Our Annual Meeting, which is open to all!

Come to our meeting, and after a short business meeting, hear Elizabeth “Liz” Evans talk about owning and operating the landmark East Boothbay General Store for the past eleven years. Liz “grew up all over the place” but spent her summers in the Boothbay region. After a number of years as a chef on several different luxury yachts, including Jimmy Buffett’s, she bought the East Boothbay General Store the day before it was to go up for auction in 2008. With Liz’s outgoing personality and culinary skills, the store is a favorite gathering place for summer people and year-rounders alike, proof positive of the message on the entrance sign that says, “In the heart of East Boothbay since 1898.”

Thursday, May 23, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

The Camera Discovers Monhegan: Island Photographs from 1859 to 1900

With Earle Shettleworth, Maine State Historian



Nineteenth century photography in Maine gives us a compelling insight into our past. This illustrated talk begins with the first known photograph of Monhegan, an 1859 image of the light house by William McLaughlin of Portland. McLaughlin was followed by other commercial photographers

in the 1870s and 80s such as Isaac Coombs of Wiscasset and Henry Bailey of Augusta. The emerging art colony of the 1890s attracted gifted painters such as Samuel Triscott and Eric Hudson, who used photography to help create their watercolors and canvases of the island. They were joined by Edward Robinson of Thomaston, a college professor who made his own photographic record of the island just prior to 1900. Many photographers have visited Monhegan in the 20th and 21st centuries, but these men were among the pioneers of photography on the island.

Earle Shettleworth has lectured and written extensively on Maine history and architecture. He is the current State Historian of Maine, past director of the Maine Historic Preservation Commission, past president of the Maine Historical Society, and past president of the New England Chapter, Society of Architectural Historians.

For a complete listing of all BRHS events, please check our website events page:

<https://boothbayhistorical.org/events-page>



And now for something completely different

Membership!

You will be receiving your membership renewal letter in the mail with a handy renewal form and envelope, or you can call us Thursday through Saturday, or [click here](#) to renew online.

Not yet a member? [Click here](#) to join.

Thank you from all of us at BRHS.

Your membership helps us preserve our cultural heritage, and to share it with third grade students at Boothbay Region Elementary School.



Let's celebrate our cultural heritage together

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***Come visit! We're open year-round,
Thursday through Saturday, 10 am to 2 pm.***

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